

504 There are only two important natural harbors, Keelung and Kaohsiung. Almost all foreign shipping passes through these two ports. Coastal shipping is carried on largely through ports of secondary importance such as Hualien, Suao, Makung, Tanshui, Anping, Lukang, Tungkang, Taitung, and Hsinkang. These harbors with the exception of Hualien, are only capable of accomodating small vessels and fishing boats.

506 Domestic air transport is in its infancy.

- International air lines connect with the United States, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Thailand.

## II. RAILWAY TRANSPORT

477 The Formosa railway constitutes the foundation of the island's transportation system. However, its position is in process of being challenged by increasing activity in highway transportation. The government-owned Taiwan Railway Administration (TRA) operates an extensive network of lines called the Western System and the single-tracked line which forms the Eastern System. Taiwan Sugar Corporation also operates railroad lines totaling 1,543 miles (2,649 kilometers). The 30" tracks of the sugar corporation extend over sugar-producing areas for the purpose of transporting sugar cane, supplies, and fertilizers.<sup>1</sup> In addition, this system offers passenger service. The Taiwan Forestry Administration owns, besides a number of small narrow gauge railways, three lines of 30" gauge, used for the transporation of lumber and a few passengers; these lines connect Chiayi with the

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